

## **Public Comments Received Regarding Rule 5.100 Draft (2/19/2016 draft)**

Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100.

I went solar in order to do my small part in protecting our planet. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

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Sincerely,

Robert Barry Genzlinger  
Milton, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to minimize my environmental foot print, combat climate change, add value to my home and preserve the future for my children. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Jacob Martin

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels and to make sure as I am getting ready to retire that I can continue to afford to live in VT, which based on current costs to live here is not a certainty. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Matthew A. Bandy  
Brandon, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change, to fix my energy costs as I have retired, and to add value to my home which is "my nest egg". This was a big financial effort for me and I am trying to pay off the costs by the end of this year so that the rest of my retirement benefits from the lower energy costs of both electricity and home heating oil. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Susan E. Saunders  
Shelburne, Vermont

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To the Public Service Board,

I would like to offer my comments on the draft net metering rule in two capacities: First as the a member, presiding officer and principal developer of Randolph Community Solar, a 148 kW community solar project in Randolph Center, VT. Second as a member of the town of Randolph Energy Advisory Committee. Both entities have interest in further development of solar power in Vermont.

In general the draft rule includes some important and useful refinements to the existing net metering rule. But allow me to offer some suggestions to improve the draft rule:

- Set a cap on net metered solar production no less than 30% of peak utility demand. Recent studies by NREL and others have demonstrated that the 15% maximum benchmark previously cited by many utilities was not based on data based engineering analysis and very conservative, Distributed solar generation, with careful planning by the utilities and enhance grid stability and performance well above the 30% mark.
- Remove the "within 10-mile" requirement from the definition of "group net metering". This provision would have made the development of Randolph Community Solar's group net metered project impossible. Our goal was to keep the membership as local as possible, but after 4 months of recruitment it became clear that we would not reach an economically viable size without wider recruitment. Half of our members are outside of the 10 mile limit.
- Extend the \$0.03 / kWh excess generation credit to all solar net metered production. The costs of solar is coming down slowly, and the current solar adder should be reduced. But eliminating it for net consumption is too severe a change and will significantly slow the adoption of solar power among Vermonters, particularly the majority without the benefit of a sun drenched south facing roof.
- Reduce the flow of SRECs out of Vermont. The state's ambitious renewable energy goals can not be met by exporting solar attributes that allow dirty power generators to operate in other states. Selling SRECs ensures out of state ensures there is no net regional environmental benefit the the development of solar power in Vermont.

Thanks for your consideration.

Pete Thoenen  
Randolph Community Solar  
Randolph Energy Advisory Committee

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I recently learned about the provisions of the draft Net Metering rule 5.100 and am deeply concerned that they would quash solar in Vermont at a time when we badly need to expand it. A year and a half ago, my wife and I invested heavily in a solar array for our home because we feel it's absolutely urgent that we all do everything we can to push back against climate change. Although in the long term this investment will be a financial positive for us if things continue as they are, at the moment we are paying a substantial premium for that public good. Based on the current draft rules, we are concerned not only about our own investment, but that other Vermonters will be discouraged from making their own investments in solar.

I cannot emphasize enough how important we feel it is that Vermont support and encourage the rapid addition of renewable energy generation like solar PV. I realize that there are limitations and difficulties involved in this process, but this is a surmountable problem and a challenge we need to embrace,

especially if we want to have any hope of fulfilling Vermont's pledge to get to 90% renewable energy by 2050.

We depend on your support for solar and other forms of renewable energy and to keep the state's promises. Please do everything you can to ensure that Vermonters who have already invested in solar are protected and that Vermonters who hope to add solar can do so, including ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power and preventing any fees that might discourage adoption of renewable generation.

Thank you for your hard work, leadership, and advocacy for renewable power.

Best wishes,  
Luc Reid  
Williston, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a newly-established solar customer in Vermont (though not new to Vermont by any stretch of the imagination), my wife and I are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. This year, 2016, we added a 4.8 kW solar system to our home in order to decrease our dependence on dirty (carbon-based) fuels as well as foreign fuels, in order to promote energy independence, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It also just felt like the “right” thing to do; though it was at considerable up-front expense to us. Upon review of the current draft rules, it is our estimation that Vermonters like us will be unlikely to continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for clean, renewable energy is critical to us as a healthy state, nation, and planet. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar energy by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered, renewable power. Please also keep the state’s promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. - Our particular system, will take 11 years just to pay for itself. For an investment of more than \$20,000, we would really like to be able to rely on net-metering for many years after those initial, and expensive, eleven. I’m quite sure that Vermonters such as myself would not make this significant monetary investment, if they weren’t going to see any real financial reward for it.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We are relying on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

William Mayers  
Weybridge, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As solar customers in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to reduce our household's carbon footprint; do our part to combat climate change; and add value to our home. Based on the current draft rules, we think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

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Sincerely,  
Dawn & Ed Leuschner, Hinesburg

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I made a substantial investment in solar in order to reduce my energy footprint and to help expand clean energy statewide.

Based on the current draft rules, I think substantially fewer Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters like me who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability for future installations so that more Vermonters can go solar.

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Sincerely,  
David & Deborah Sleeper  
Bridgewater, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I made a huge financial investment 3 years ago and went solar in order to net zero my family's carbon footprint: decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. I am also worried that you may change the terms of my net metering agreement with GMP. This cannot happen. You need to protect the rights you gave me back when I signed my first

net metering agreement. We should be grandfathered and not unfairly targeted for having the foresight to change the energy dependence paradigm.

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Sincerely,  
Jason Fowler  
Warren VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs with a clean earth friendly energy source. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Daniel Murray  
Hartford, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to [INSERT YOUR PERSONAL REASON HERE: decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Carl TanCreti, Hartland VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs for the future and add value to my home. I am proud that we installed solar panels, switched to heat pumps and installed solar hot water as well. We are proud to drive around Vermont and see how many others chose to do this, too. We feel it represents our state and shows that our citizens care and understand the long view - specifically, our need to detach from fuel-based energy. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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For a healthy planet,

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Rachael Z Miller  
Granville, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I and my family went solar this past year for several reasons. In keeping with the state of Vermont's stated energy objectives, we wanted to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels in order to fight climate change; we also wanted to contain our own energy costs that seem to take a bigger and bigger chunk from our income every year. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. This proposed rule seems very similar to regulations passed recently in Nevada which have brought the once burgeoning solar industry there to a screeching halt.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Jon Graham and Beth Frock, Rochester,

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do our part to combat climate change; fix our family's energy costs as we are now in retirement; add value to our home. Based on the current draft rules, we think it will make it more difficult for Vermonters to continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back Vermont's progress on clean energy goals.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, We are counting on you to keep it possible for retired Vermonters like us to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
John & Mary Young  
351 Buck Hollow Rd  
Fairfax, VT

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level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future. Sincerely,

Bruce Beauchemin, Grand Isle, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to be able to make the world a cleaner place for my grandchildren and to feel like we are contributing to the solution instead of being part of the problem, decrease our dependence on fuels that pollute our air, do my part to combat climate change, fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement and add value to my home. Since we made the investment into solar equipment for our home, I believe it is unfair that we should be paid less for the electricity that we generate. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Debra Schrader, Danville VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. My wife and I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels and to feel that we could do our part to combat climate change. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,

Randy Feeley  
Manager of Dispatching & RailComm  
Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.  
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

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Sincerely,  
Robert Covey, Jr.  
Underhill

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Sincerely,  
Christa Prescott

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to help reduce our carbon footprint with a sustainable energy source while simultaneously adding value to my home and investing in my family's future financial standing. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Brian Montgomery of Middlesex, VT

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Sincerely,  
Dennis and Marie Moore  
Georgia Vermont

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Sincerely,  
Donna Nelson  
62 Town Farm Road  
Tunbridge, Vermont 05077

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As a Vermont Electric Cooperative member with a 3 year old solar photovoltaic installation, I have been aware for some time that the VEC's management intended to pursue changes to Vermont's net metering program that are potentially harmful to me. Draft Net Metering rule 5.100 codifies those changes.

I opted to purchase my panels out of pocket for a number of reasons. The principle concern was to make my family's resource consumption more sustainable, both by using otherwise wasted solar rays to generate power and by minimizing transmission losses by locating generation close to consumption. Stabilization of energy costs as we near retirement is nice, too.

An important factor in deciding whether we could afford to pursue those goals was the anticipated return on the investment. Lacking knowledge of the future, I necessarily made certain assumptions about future prices and the regulatory environment when estimating return. Until now, those assumptions have held reasonably well, and I have not had cause to regret my decision. The draft rule not only invalidates my assumptions about the regulatory environment, it makes the future regulatory environment unpredictable for all customers, making it difficult for responsible Vermonters to accurately assess the viability of a renewable energy installation for them.

Specifically: 5.103(B)(1)(a) grandfathers the tariff in effect for systems existing on December 31, 2016. This falls short on both duration and applicability.

Duration: the term for which tariff is consistent should match or exceed the typical lifespan of a renewable energy system in order to provide buyers with a) predictability when assessing feasibility, b) consistency in costs through the lifespan of the system, and c) incentive to keep useful installations productive. My PV panels came with a 20 year warranty, so I think that is the minimum period that tariffs should be stable. Of course, actual lifespans typically exceed the warranty period (because manufacturers would lose money otherwise), so it is arguable that a longer period is appropriate.

Applicability: in order to encourage renewable energy installations in the long term, all tariffs should be stable. Rather than grandfathering existing systems, the rule should provide for the tariffs in effect at the time of installation of any new or existing system to remain in effect for an appropriate period as discussed above.

In the best of all possible worlds, tariff changes that are more favorable to customers would be allowed in order to accommodate improvements in technology and management, but I'm not sure that's feasible.

5.109(B) allows for a Grid Service Fee. This might make sense, but not as written. The concern it seeks to address is that power companies net less income from net metering customers and thus have less margin to cover infrastructure maintenance costs. Administrative costs are mentioned in the draft rule, but if administering a net metering account adds a non-trivial amount to a power company's costs, I would assert that the company has serious problems. Ongoing record-keeping and billing are small and straightforward additions to processes that occur anyway. Nor are infrastructure upgrade costs an issue; they are recaptured at installation.

Given all that, if a grid service fee is needed, it should be applied to all customers connected to the grid, and rates should be revised downward to reflect the margin no longer applied to infrastructure maintenance.

While that is regressive, affecting poor and low-volume customers more than wealthy and high-volume customers, so is the draft rule. But because the draft rule only applies to net metering systems, its effect is pernicious, discouraging disadvantaged consumers who might most benefit from the predictability of well-regulated net metering systems from taking advantage of them.

It would be best to abandon 5.109(B) altogether.

Thanks for supporting renewable energy in Vermont! I trust you will do what is necessary to ensure that choosing clean energy remains a feasible option for current owners of net metered systems and as wide a range of interested Vermonters as possible.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Pelton  
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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels and do my part to combat climate change. The decision my family and I made to go solar was also based on it making financial sense, which as you probably know is long term not short term. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future. I'm proud of my state's strong support for solar and I hope you are too.

Sincerely,  
Alan Pfaff (and family), Milton VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to reduce our footprint on the environment; use clean energy; fix our energy costs as we head into retirement; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Tom & Deb Cook

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to save money on my electric bill, generate some income through the sale of excess power that my system generates, reduce my purchases and use of oil, and become part of the effort to go green in Vermont. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Gordie Leeuw  
Lincoln

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Cotey Gallagher, Salisbury, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board Members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels and to do my part to combat climate change. I wanted to fix my energy costs, as my husband and I head into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly B. Kimball  
Essex Town

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees bring proposed for solar customers and ensuring a continuation of fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Dave Ellison, Warren

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very upset that the promises made to us are being discussed. Enough with the FEES and talk of rate changes for net-metering! We are on social security and took this step of installing solar panels because we are on a fixed income. The deal we made with the utility company should be honored and grandfathered for at least the next 25 years as we were told at the time we invested in this clean energy.

Thank you for your time on this important matter for we hard working Vermonters.

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st albans vt

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to achieve as best I can net zero energy consumption and minimize my carbon footprint on the planet. To me it is vital that we as a society completely divorce ourselves from the use of dirty, foreign fuels; I want todo my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.



Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Best regards,  
Brad Fuller, MD  
Addison, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to because I believe that clean energy is crucial for the survival of our planet. However, it is a big investment for homeowners and incentives are needed to encourage individual households to go to clean, sun powered, renewable energy. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future. By the way, should the electric companies be allowed to charge fees to solar customers to simply remain connected to the grid, It is highly likely that I would purchase batteries to remove our household from the grid altogether.

Sincerely,

Christine Chapline,  
Cornwall, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
W.D. Delibac  
Grand Isle, Vt

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100.

We went solar in order to fix our family's energy costs as we head into retirement and add value to our home while helping to do our part to lessen climate change. Based on the current draft rules, We think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power.

Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We are counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
David & Debra Gardell

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Dear Public Service Board members:

My husband and I just completed our solar installation in late February 2016. I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement. My husband has Early Alzheimer's Disease and is disabled and no longer employed. I am now the sole income earner in our family. We still have one son in college and every penny counts, now and in our retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Deb and Greg Riley, Danville, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change; while decreasing our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Moulton  
South Burlington, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to generate clean energy for my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Brian Spotts – Pittsford

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to be greener and decrease my dependence on 'the man'. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

I will be financially penalized for going solar (making a green decision) if I am made to pay fees and will be paying more than my fair share.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie satink  
Jericho Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to

fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home  
; and make a contribution to reducing greenhouse gases.

Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
John G. Perry  
St. Johnsbury

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and to fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Nick Patch, Judy Elson- Ferrisburgh , VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to take a proactive approach to altering our impact on the global environment, demonstrate for my children and to my community my commitment to direct alternative energy, add value to my home, and be a part of providing alternative, greener energy to utilities and being compensated for this. Based on the current draft rules, I think its much more unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters like myself who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability moving forward so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Bruce G. Perlow, Shoreham VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; and fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already

installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

William Wolcott  
Underhill Vt.

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to [INSERT YOUR PERSONAL REASON HERE: decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
J. Babicka  
481 Lower Hollow Road  
Dorset,VT 05251

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to [INSERT YOUR PERSONAL REASON HERE: decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Walter Scofield  
1427 VT RTE 78  
Highgate , VT 05459

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease my dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home and do what's right for the environment and our way of life here in Vermont. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Stephen & Jennifer Lunna  
Williston, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and fix my family's energy costs as we put things in place today for our retirement by adding value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Timothy Allen & Ellen Gokey  
Winooski, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

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Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Julian Kulski and Lisa Boyle  
Charlotte, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to be conscientious in energy production by contributing to the overall grid power with energy generated by our home, decrease our dependence on dirty foreign fuels, do my part to combat climate change, stabilize my family's energy costs, and make my home part of the energy solution rather than part of the problem. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Thomas N Williamson  
85 Best Rd.



Windsor, VT 05089  
(residence actually in Hartland)

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs as we head into the future and add value to my home. I also feel good about using a renewable energy source. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. This was an expensive decision, and one reason we ended up going solar was the security offered by this promise.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Miskavage  
Hinesburg

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue as I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
  
Steven C. Osgood  
Fairfield, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement & add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Eugenie Delaney  
Burlington, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement and add value to my home . Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future. I am concerned we were placed in a bait and switch circumstance by the PSB if you folks change these rules now.

Sincerely,  
Jordan Weidman  
Richmond VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my energy costs since I am retired; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Pauline Allen, Huntington

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to eventually lower my living expenses when I retired. I also support renewable energy. I wanted to also make my home more attractive when the time comes to sell as homes are not moving well in my area. Now that I am retired and on a fixed income it is wonderful knowing I don't have to worry about a power bill.

I also installed a cold climate heat pump that provides heating/cooling part of the year in a much more efficient way. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. The rules should not be changed out from under those of us who came on board with our solar systems early on.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future. And remember that many small installations can make a huge impact on the big picture!

Sincerely,

Joanne C. Rose Retired RN UVMMC  
South Lincoln, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to make a positive impact on the environment, fix my energy costs, and add value to my home. In addition, my husband and I produce maple syrup. We like to consider it Solar Syrup because we are able to produce our syrup from the solar power that we generate. As a Vermonter, I am proud to have invested in Solar energy for my personal needs, which includes the production of syrup that we are so proud of, and I'm proud to live in a state that understands how important it is to preserve our environment in which we live in. I would hate to see rulings that would make our state less beautiful because we aren't able to make decisions to go solar attractive to all residents. Selfishly, I would hate to be penalized for making a choice that improves my home but more importantly the state in which we live in. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Erin McEnaney  
Shaftsbury, Vermont  
Solar Powered since December 2014 and Proud of it!

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; and to add value to my home. This was a \$20,000 investment we made, a huge portion of our income.

Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. It also punishes those that made this important and energy conscious decision to go solar.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
CMDR George & Rebecca Lowe  
Lyndonville, VT  
Caledonia County

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in 2014 in order to make my family contribution to the global warming issue, to promote clean energy, and reduce my families reliance on fossil fuels. To date, we have reduced our CO2 imprint by 55,000 lbs. We did so on good faith that the net metering rules would remain in place. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
David and Sheila Russell, Duxbury, VT 05676

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

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Sincerely,  
Tony Pietricola  
Grand Isle, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. Much of what you see on the news talks about VT investing in renewable energy. I have chosen to make the investment, which was not a small amount. I would like to think that you would be more wise than to penalize me and my family for doing so. If you do choose to price gouge me and my family, it would be wise that Vermont immediately discontinue the renewable energy discussion and start talking about ways to re-open VT Yankee. If it does not make financial sense to go solar, no one will.

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Sincerely,  
Patrick King, Georgia VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change and to fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Carolin, Colchester, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do our part to combat climate change, and save money on energy costs over the long term. Based on the current draft rules, we think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
James and Kristine Andrews  
Salisbury, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
David Bernier, Morrisville, VT

Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I made a substantial investment in solar in order to decrease our dependence on fossil fuels and to insulate my family from fluctuating energy prices. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,

Brian Goetz  
Williston, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to stabilize and lower our electric bill, as well as do our part to lower our state's dependence on polluting and limited fossil fuels. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Scott I. Remick  
Bristol, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:



As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels and do my part to combat climate change. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
John and Mary Berney Skutel  
North Hero, Vt

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order because I believe living in the Green Mountain State means we need to be green, and because Vermont consistently shows leadership on a wide-range of issues, particularly environmental issues. I live in the middle of nowhere. I can't see my neighbors. While I can't afford to get off the grid yet, solar makes sense to me because preserving what I see outside of my window everyday means keeping industry as far away as possible. I appreciate the complexity of what you are trying to do, but when I bought solar at the end of 2014, the national and state government actually encouraged me with incentives. Going back on that now is just dishonest. I deserve my full benefits for the duration of the life of the panels you helped me to buy.

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Sincerely,  
  
John Peaveler  
West Fairlee

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change, fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement, and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,

Daniel P. Moss  
1667 VT Rte 12  
Barnard, VT 05091

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a new "net metered" solar customer in November 2015, I am extremely disappointed that I had to find out about these rules changes from Sun Common, and was given less than one day notice of the deadline to provide comments on the proposed rules.

I am a Vermont homeowner and GMP customer who just invested more than \$27,000 in going solar. I did this based on the understanding that this was a long-term investment that would benefit me and the environment.

Unfortunately, I don't have time to comment in depth on what is being proposed for new solar customers in the future. I can say that I personally would not have gone solar unless it made sense financially, and adding fees and cutting the rates for net-metered power will make it that much less likely that other homeowners will follow my lead.

Lastly, I emphatically request that you keep the state's promise to me and other Vermonters who have already installed solar, by grandfathering the program for at least 25 years. Any change that adds to my cost or reduces my credits threatens the viability of my solar system, will hurt my property value, and put family's economic security at risk.

Sincerely,

Arthur Hamlin  
Braintree

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its

unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Silas Ratico - Danville, VT

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As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future. I am shocked that we could possibly be sorry that we made this decision. This has ALWAYS been a big support for Peter Shumlin....maybe it IS time to leave VT, unfortunately. I was born and raised here.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Ladd - Bristol

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and add value to my home.. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Jason Reichert  
Waterbury, VT

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Sincerely, Rich and Julie Swinyer, Shoreham, VT.

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and to fix my energy costs as I head toward retirement. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Farley, West Windsor, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. A little over a year ago, my wife and I made the decision to invest in a solar PV system. We made this decision based on our desire to decrease our carbon footprint and combat climate change, and also to fix our energy costs for the foreseeable future. Some aspects of the draft rule appear to both undermine the foundation of our investment and deter others from making the same investment decision in the future.

1. Grandfathering. To grandfather systems for only ten years effectively pulls the carpet out from under those of us who have already invested in PV systems and completely erodes the confidence of those considering making the same investment. Our system is guaranteed for 25 years, and other, similar grandfathering rules have extended for 20 years. Our system should be grandfathered for at least 20 if not for the full life of the system.
2. Fees. I think it is fair to charge net metering customers for their production meters; that is truly a variable cost. But to allow utilities to charge other fees is arbitrary, discriminatory, unfair, and unnecessary. Distributed generation, if anything, relieves the utilities from the necessity of upgrading distribution networks. To charge additional fees to net metering customers for distribution network maintenance and development doesn't make sense.

I would also like to echo the concerns of other commenters such as VEIC, Peck Electric, Alliance for Solar Choice.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Jay Lyon  
South Burlington, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs for the future and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
William Wetzel  
Jericho VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

I'm furious with the new draft Net Metering rule 5.100! It's just another case of capitalists-in-power (in this case, traditional energy companies) sticking it to the average consumer.

I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Yours,  
Neil Shepard

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in May of 2014 so I could stay in my present home here in Brookfield, Vermont. At that time it was costing me about \$8,000.per year for oil heat and electric. My wife is 80 and I am 82. I had an Army career and am 100% disabled, (with cancer from agent orange) picked up in Vietnam This past year using my 40 solar panels it cost me \$250 for oil and electric as opposed to \$8,000. At my age and condition I have no way of earing, or being hired to make more money, (we also did not get a coat of living allowance for the past 2 years) and the good old state of Vermont is now taxing my disability pay. Even the Fed's are not doing that!!!

I spent my entire life making sure I could take care of my family in my retirement years So any change to the laws will cause much undo hardship for me. Please don't mess with a program that helps those of us who are retired. I look forward to my time here in Vermont before I make that 6 mile trip south to Randolph Center.

Sincerely, Jackie & Allen Wilder, Brookfield, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

My wife and I recently moved to Danby Vermont in the interest of living a more sustainable lifestyle. One of the major decisions was to purchase a solar array to power our home and heat with a clean renewable fuel. No armies needed to defend these resources. No water polluted with extraction methods, a new industry to provide quality jobs for Vermonters in Vermont.

It is with great concern that I'm hearing about possible changes to the net metering rules and regulations that make solar energy a viable energy source for Vermonters. As a resident, I ask you to stand against any diminishing of net metering. We should be encouraging this type of grass roots production of clean renewable energy for local jobs, environmental health and to make a stand against fossil fuels and climate change.

Sincerely,  
Bill Richardson  
Lauren Dever  
2362 Old Otis Road  
Danby, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change, as well as fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement. We have lived in Vermont our entire lives and we are doing our part to help preserve Vermont's environment for our future generations. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Charlene and Mark Bryant  
1931 Wheeler Road  
Brandon

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to be a part of lowering my use of carbon-based fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its highly unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. Vermont's forward-thinking policies on renewable energy was one of the important reasons we chose to make Vermont our new home 3 years ago.

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Sincerely,  
Peggy Rishel  
Brandon, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to be proactive in lessening our "footprint" in the harm we are presently creating to our habitat. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Marilyn Machia, South Burlington, VT

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Sincerely,  
Gennette Carr, Fairfax, Vt

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Sincerely,  
Lonnie Burke, Fairfax vt

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to try and save some money and do the right thing environmentally: decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we are now retired; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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solar and do the right thing. Now it seems you want to change the rules mid stream. NOT FAIR!! We hope at this point we will be able to at least break even with this investment), and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Denise Stuart  
767 Walden Hill Rd.  
Danville, VT 05828

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As solar customers in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in 2015 in order to decrease our personal dependence on dirty, expensive foreign fuels as well as reducing our energy costs as my husband and I move into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, we think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
Janet and Stephen Cole  
Newbury, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

I made a significant investment in a home solar system a year ago, for both financial and environmental reasons. I now understand that your draft rule is contemplating changes to net metering which could dramatically alter the terms which I was essentially promised. I agree with the recommendations of REV for changes in your draft including grandfathering current customers, and believe that without such changes Vermont will never achieve its lofty and laudable goals for renewable energy

Sincerely,

Jon Crystal  
Waltham

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to add value to my home while doing my part to combat climate change. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Stephen J. Maas  
Barre Town

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease my personal and our collective dependence on fossil fuels, to do my part to combat climate change; and to add value to my home for other like-minded housing consumers. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Respectfully,  
  
Kevin Favreau  
161 Cary Road  
Georgia, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100.

I installed solar panels on my roof in order cut my electric costs, to give the extra power my solar panels generate to the grid so my neighbors have a source of electricity that is clean and locally generated not coal, gas or nuclear. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, which would defeat the goal that the state has set out to be self-sufficient in our power grid,and not use fossil fuels. Do not set back our progress on clean energy goals.

As I am sure you know the electric companies are selling the extra electricity WE solar energy generators make to other states as carbon credits and make a good profit on it instead of giving Vermonters a break on the cost of our electricity and at the same time asking for more incentive taxes to cover their , "initiatives for energy conservation programs." and reducuibng what they want to pay us for what we generated with our investment.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar power will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by YOU striking the fees planned in The Net Metering Rule 5.100 and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power.

Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar,by grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
John Hamerslough  
Richmond VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs for the future and add value to my home. I am proud that we installed solar panels, switched to heat pumps and installed solar hot water as well. We are proud to drive around Vermont and see how many others chose to do this, too. We feel it represents our state and shows that our citizens care and understand the long view - specifically, our need to detach from fuel-based energy. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.  
For a healthy planet,

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Rachael Z Miller  
Granville, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As solar customers in Vermont, we became very concerned when we heard about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100!

We went into considerable debt to install solar, of course; and being seniors on a fixed income, we are counting on net metering as currently provided to help with energy costs and make sure our loan doesn't become a bad investment! For 40 years we have been working for a better environment and air quality by recycling and by supporting clean energy initiatives. Solar is one of the best ways to accomplish that goal.

Our decision to go solar was clearly based on the present rules, and any change that would have allowed the power company to attach additional fees to net metering would have been a deal breaker. If the proposed changes had been in effect, we would not have decided to go solar. We can only assume that other Vermonters in our situation would not make the decision to go solar either, setting back our state's progress on clean energy goals.

Please keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar -- in our case, only last week! Also, please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar, by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Continuing the present program for at least 25 years will provide a level of predictability making it possible for many more Vermonters to go solar. This helps the Vermont economy as it keeps our state on track on our clean energy goals.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, we are counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Frank Morgan  
Nancy Morgan

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Dear Public Service Board members:

I am writing to you as both a Net metering user, and a solar installer. I have a small Solar company in southern VT. To date I have installed twenty systems., including one Community solar project. I'm what you would call a "mom and pop" business. I know how concerned people are with our energy future here in Vermont, but also how aware people are that we Vermonters set an example that the rest

of the country can look to when developing and drafting their energy policies. I don't know if there is pressure on you to change the net metering rules,, but I know what people want, and that is anything that will helpus grow our renewable energy contribution, and not stifle it.

As a supporter of renewable energy in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. As currently drafted, it will hinder Vermonters' ability to choose to install renewable energy projects on their own land to increase their self-reliance, decrease dependence on dirty fossil fuels, and do their part to combat climate change. We need to create rules and laws that increase our energy independence and support Vermonters who are making that happen. Renewable energy gives homes, businesses, and towns power and helps us progress towards a clean energy future.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar in the future.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters choose clean energy.

Eric Shenholm, Proprietor  
Saxtons River Solar Electric  
PO Box 643  
Saxtons River, VT

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Dear Members of the Public Service Board,

My family installed solar panels on our roof over two years ago. This has served us well: in addition to covering all our electric needs, we also fully charge our 100%-electric Nissan LEAF and our plug-in Prius. The surplus that remains of our solar-generated electricity we just give to the net—for free, as a gift to the power companies.

This is what every household in Vermont (and, for that matter, in the US and the entire world) should be doing: get locally generated electricity that keeps the funds involved in the solar energy sector fully local, and that has an amazing environmental impact. Good for the costumer, good for Vermont, good for the planet. There is no downside.

I understand the energy companies want to stifle net metering. Of course they do! So I would strongly urge you to keep net metering going, because that would encourage the electric companies to go into the Green Energy sector—as they should. They should more fully embrace setting up a system of decentralized energy storage, like is now possible with the Tesla Wall. They could lease these systems and slowly convert from dirty energy to clean energy, sustainably and locally generated.

Vermont is a leader in the solar energy sector. I urge you to strengthen rather than weaken this important aspect, in which our state is ahead of the curve, so we can stay ahead.

People who go solar (or who, like my family, have gone solar already), should have predictability. The current program participants need to be grandfathered, at the very least!

I hope you will do the courageous and right thing. Future generations of Vermonters, including your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc., will be forever grateful. And so will my family and our offspring down the generations. And please keep in mind you serve the public, not the energy sector.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Pieter Broucke  
Middlebury

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I can't understand how the changes proposed serve anyone other than the utility companies. Not only am I worried that our family's investment in solar will be undercut, but I also believe that based on the current draft rules, the solar industry and its employees will be squashed as Vermonters find it too steep and too uncertain to make the clean energy choice that solar represents.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Miskavage, Hinesburg, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to participate in a real way to the reduction in fossil fuels and provide a sustainable electric source for my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. This is crazy, especially now as we are all trying to do more with reducing our carbon footprint. More homeowners need the chance to make the same investment. Don't change the rules to make it harder for homeowners to invest in solar panels.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Your leadership is crucial. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to

Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. With the current net metering rates, I am just short of breaking even. If they are reduced in the future, my investment costs more. Not something I was planning on.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Childers

67 Church St  
Addison, VT 05491

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to save my family money and invest in renewable energy in the State of Vermont. At this point I feel my money is best invested in Solar for renewable clean energy. This will also increase the value of my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. In fact I just signed an agreement to have solar installed at my house and it concerns me that my return on my investment may not be what I planned.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael Scruggs, Thetford, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on fuels; do my part to combat climate change and fix my family's energy costs. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for



net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Gene Devlin, Cornwall, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I invested in solar for a number of reasons, including an attempt to offset my carbon footprint for my long commute, lock in a stable electricity price and add a lasting value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Paul T Webb  
Lincoln, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar this year in order to be a little more efficient, decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; add value to my home ...]. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for

net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Marcel Fortin, 154 Beartown RD, Underhill VT 05489

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As solar customers in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to do our part to combat climate change, to help the state of Vermont go more green, and to fix our own energy costs as we head into retirement. Based on the current draft rules, we think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We are counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Roger and Charlotte Williams  
Fairlee

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement and to add value to my home; more importantly, I also believe in our responsibility to do everything we can to promote and use renewable energy and get away from our dependence on fossil fuels. My home now uses less than 20% of the fuel we used to use, so I have clean energy, cost savings, and added value to my home. Hard to see a downside.

I was so happy with the decision that I 'went solar' on my commercial building in Middlebury, as well, and have been delighted with the decision.

Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. This new language would have kept me from making the decision to go solar.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Lars Hubbard  
Vergennes

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Dear Public Service Board Members,

I installed a roof top solar system on my house in 2014. The project was sized such that I rely on the net metering tariff in order to make the project financially prudent. I have financed the project over a 13 year period. If the tariff were to expire after 10 years, it would be a financial hardship.

Securing a more stable cost of my electricity was a major motivation in my decision to go solar. I factored into my decision an understanding that the State would continue to support solar for a long enough period to allow people such as my self to be able to see stable returns on our large capital investments. If the State starts to change direction on its solar policy, I fear that Vermonters would abandon solar entirely.

Please extend the tariff grandfathering rule to 25 years - the expected life span of my system - and maintain current tariff rates. When fuel prices spike again, a larger percentage of solar will help buffer the impact on other rate payers. As a solar owner, our willingness to invest now will help other rate payers in the future.

Thank you.  
Scott Hesser  
East Thetford, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels; do my part to combat climate change; fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement; and add value to my home. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
William and Judith Roy

Williston, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to decrease my dependence on fossil fuels, do my part to combat climate change, and decrease my energy costs. I am a widow on a fixed income, and need to limit my vulnerability to increases in energy costs. My home is my greatest asset, and the addition of solar power will definitely add value to my home when I eventually decide to downsize. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals. What a sorry development that would be.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Hilary Hatch  
Leicester, VT

Hilary Hatch  
hilaryhatch@comcast.net

546 Fern Lake Rd.

Leicester, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to reduce my carbon footprint and do my part to combat climate change. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Helen Read  
Milton, Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a supporter of renewable energy in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. As currently drafted, it will hinder Vermonters' ability to choose to install renewable energy projects on their own land to increase their self-reliance, decrease dependence on dirty fossil fuels, and do their part to combat climate change. We need to create rules and laws that increase our energy independence and support Vermonters who are making that happen. Renewable energy gives homes, businesses, and towns power and helps us progress towards a clean energy future.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar in the future.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters choose clean energy.

Regards,

Bhima Nitta  
Power Guru, LLC

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a supporter of renewable energy in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. As currently drafted, it will hinder Vermonters' ability to choose to install renewable energy projects on their own land to increase their self-reliance, decrease dependence on dirty fossil fuels, and do their part to combat climate change.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar in the future.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Nils Behn  
CEO  
Aegis Renewable Energy  
340 Mad River Park, Suite 6  
Waitsfield, Vt

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs and add value to our home, as well as, to do our part in decreasing the use of fossil fuels. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will be able to continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back the state's progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Fellows-Stanley  
Cornwall, VT

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Dear Public Service Board Members,

As a solar customer in Vermont , I have concerns about the draft Net Metering rule currently being considered, 5.100. I initially went solar because I wanted to do my part in reducing the effects of global warming, maybe save money and to overall do my part in sustaining our environment. I had hoped to go into my retirement with my energy costs stable and sustainable. Based on the current draft rules, I think it could be unlikely that Vermonters will continue to go solar because it will be economically unfeasible and difficult for the average citizen to do.

Your support for renewal energy is critical. It will ensure that Vermonters who want certainty and predictability when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to those families who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability going forward so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for taking a leadership role on this issue. I hope I can count on you to allow more Vermonters to benefit from solar and sustainable energy sources for the future of our wonderful state.

Sincerely,  
Diane Cushman  
Bristol, Vermont

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To the members of the Public Service Board:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to do my part to combat climate change and increase the value of my home in one of the most environmentally conscious states in the country. In that position again, I would not make the same decision based on the current draft rules. It's unlikely other Vermonters will make the decision to go solar if these are implemented, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

If the draft is implemented as written, I will be penalized for a decision I made for the good of my household, neighborhood and the state. I will be expected to pay for having done the right thing, and know from conversations with realtors that the value of my home will decrease if future buyers have to contend with regular solar fees - especially if the possibility exists of steadily increasing fees with future rewrites of metering rules.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Anne Wulffraat, Jericho

Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to make a difference in our environment, now and for future Generations. We might add, this was a financial sacrifice for us, especially, since we are both retired. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely that Vermonters will continue to make the decision to make a sacrifice and go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar, by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please, also, keep the program for at least 25 years, and provide the same level of predictability, so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy, now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Claudia Bechard  
2 fields Lane, Jericho, Vt.

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I have just learned of proposed new rules concerning home solar. As one who has spent considerable on installing such this past year, my wife and I are concerned about any changes in the current law and potential additional charges for having such-- something we did not bargain or plan for when installing this. Please email us a copy of the proposed rule changes, and note to those involved our financial need to have the current rules and fees grandfathered and continued. We are trying to help decrease our state reliance on fossil fuels, something we hope can be rewarded or at least supported, and not penalized with additional fees. Thanks.

Leonard Perry  
Horticulture Professor  
Dept Plant and Soil Sciences  
Jeffords Hall, 63 Carrigan Dr  
University of Vermont  
Burlington VT 05405

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar to be a part of the clean green energy movement. We feel a personal responsibility to be a part of the green clean movement of energy independence. This income supplement is important for us to sustain our generating power system. Based on the current draft rules, I think it's unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.



Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, we are counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

David and Crystal Mierop  
Bristol, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As solar customers in Vermont, we are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. We went solar in order to decrease our dependence on dirty, foreign fuels, do our part to combat climate change, and add value to our home. Based on current draft rules, we think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, we are counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Tim Blanshard & Jen Hill  
Starksboro, VT

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to save money, reduce the impact on the environment, and set an example for others. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for renewable energy is critical. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, I am counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Terry and Sara Collins  
South Burlington, VT

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Dear Public Service Board Members,

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar for several reasons, including but not limited to, decreasing my family's dependence on dirty sources of fuel, like oil, do our part to address global climate change, add value to our home, and perhaps most importantly, to help our children understand how we, as a family, can make a small positive difference in the world. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely other Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals significantly.

Your ongoing support for renewable energy is critical for our state. Please help ensure that Vermonters who want to go solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar by striking the fees in this draft and ensuring fair rates for net-metered renewable power. Please also keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar arrays, like our family, by grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar.

Thank you for your courage and leadership on this important issue. Families like ours are counting on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Paul Yoon  
Essex Junction

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a newly-established solar customer in Vermont (though not new to Vermont by any stretch of the imagination), my wife and I are very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. This year, 2016, we added a 4.8 kW solar system to our home in order to decrease our dependence on dirty (carbon-based) fuels as well as foreign fuels, in order to promote energy independence, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It also just felt like the "right" thing to do; though it was at considerable up-front expense to us. Upon review of the current draft rules, it is our estimation that Vermonters like us will be unlikely to continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

Your support for clean, renewable energy is critical to us as a healthy state, nation, and planet. Please ensure that Vermonters who want solar will have predictability and certainty when they are choosing solar energy by striking the fees and ensuring fair rates for net-metered, renewable power. Please also

keep the state's promise to Vermonters who have already installed solar, grandfathering the program for at least 25 years, and provide that same level of predictability so that more Vermonters can go solar. - Our particular system, will take 11 years just to pay for itself. For an investment of more than \$20,000, we would really like to be able to rely on net-metering for many years after those initial, and expensive, eleven. I'm quite sure that Vermonters such as myself would not make this significant monetary investment, if they weren't going to see any real financial reward for it.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We are relying on you to keep it possible for Vermonters to choose clean energy now and in the future.

Sincerely,

William Mayers  
Weybridge, VT

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Sincerely,  
Matthew J. Rasco Grand Isle Vermont

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Dear Public Service Board members:

As a solar customer in Vermont, I am very concerned about the draft Net Metering rule 5.100. I went solar in order to fix my family's energy costs as we head into retirement, add value to my home plus help reduce carbon emissions. Based on the current draft rules, I think its unlikely Vermonters will continue to make the decision to go solar, setting back our progress on clean energy goals.

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Sincerely,  
James & Karen Tompkins  
Colchester, VT

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Sincerely,  
Malcolm Brown

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